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1. [redacted] the 495th Sep How Bn NCO School [redacted] had gas drill (donning the gas mask) each morning. The drill was five to ten minutes duration. The maximum time allowance to put on the mask was 15 seconds and the average about eight seconds. Each officer and PM had a gas mask. The mask [redacted] was supposed to be good for four hours of use against respiratory gases. 50X1
2. The NCO students of the School were shown protective clothing. [redacted] Only one set of the protective clothing was available for instructional purposes. [redacted] 50X1
3. An underground gas chamber, about three meters square, built of logs with several canvas curtains as entrances, was located about two kilometers from Neustrelitz. This chamber accommodated three men at a time and was used for gas drill. Troops entered the chamber with their mask on, a Chemical Corps NCO tested the hose of the mask by twisting it, and then sent the men out again. The test required about 60 seconds and the men in the chamber held their breath for about 45 seconds. [redacted] respiratory gas was used but not tear gas. [redacted] CW training was at the NCO School. 50X1
4. All chemical training was defensive. [redacted] mustard, lewisite, phosgene, and tear gases were used in training. [redacted] 50X1

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5. [redacted] unknown number of smoke pots in supply of the 590th L Arty Regt, 2d L Arty Brig. [redacted] these were to be used for the dissemination of white, yellow and black smoke [redacted]

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6. [redacted] chemical warfare instructors [redacted] the USA has means of biological warfare, and will use these in a new war. [redacted]

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